

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 2105 to provide families an expeditious way to settle the affairs of their loved ones when a death occurs near the California border and the nearest licensed funeral establishment is in an adjacent state. Specifically, AB 2105 will allow transportation of human remains out of California to an out-of-state funeral establishment without a death certificate or permit, if the remains are found within 50 miles of the California border and the nearest licensed funeral establishment is within 20 miles of the border in the adjacent state.

While this bill would provide appropriate flexibility to families, implementation may be challenged by laws in adjacent states that prohibit human remains entering their state without a permit. Given the importance of relieving families during a difficult time, I ask the Governors of our border states to join me in ensuring that their state laws allow for the transporting of bodies across state lines in these limited circumstances.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger